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In re Application of: Kajander et al

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Case Docket No. 7144

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Examiner: Elizabeth M. Cole

For: **FIBER GLASS MAT, METHOD AND LAMINATE**

Denver, Colorado 80202

August 15, 2003

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Request for Reconsideration

This is a response to the Office action mailed June 18, 2003. The Examiner rejected all of the claims in the Final Office Action on a new basis for rejection. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejections in view of the following, Applicants first opportunity to address this new ground of rejection of all of the claims.

REMARKS

Claims 16-26 and 41-51 remain in the application. The presently claimed invention is a wet laid non-woven mat made using a known wet process modified in an inventive way by applying a froth or foam to a wet fibrous web or to a wet, partially dewatered aqueous bindered web, on the same machine used to form and apply binder to the mat. The froth or foam is applied to a wet surface of the mat on-line and prior to drying the formed web. Only after the foam has been applied is the foam coated wet web conventionally dried and heated to cure the resins in the mat. The mats of the present invention, and the laminates containing such a mat, are novel and unique. Never before have wet mats been coated with a froth or foam in the initial mat forming process and on the mat forming line prior to drying the mat and curing the binder to form a coated fibrous mat.